

## House Resolution No. 3967

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Abel, cherished residents of Wheatland, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Fifty-fifth Wedding Anniversary with a festive celebration and dance held at their home; and

**Whereas**, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on August 23, 1949, Howard Dwight Abel and AddieLee Staggs began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony officiated by the Reverend Davis in Raytown; and

**Whereas**, a proud father and caring husband who loves to garden, Mr. Abel provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones as the owner of Abel Construction for many years; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker who derives a tremendous amount of satisfaction from embroidery, gardening, and crocheting, Mrs. Abel enjoyed her family immensely and showed her special love for them by dutifully caring for her home and remaining supportive of their every endeavor; and

**Whereas**, active members of the V.F.W., Howard and AddieLee Abel attribute their fifty-five years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to follow which include their three sons, Larry Abel, David Abel, and Michael Abel, all of Wheatland; and their ten grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, throughout their blissful union, Howard and AddieLee Abel have remained devoted life partners and have put forth a tremendous amount of effort to ensure the sanctity of the vows they took so very long ago:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in a thunderous round of applause for Howard and AddieLee Abel upon the glorious celebration of their Fifty-fifth Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them tremendous peace and contentment as they proudly continue their journey along life's path; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Howard Abel.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Larry D. Wilson  
District No. 119

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3967, adopted September 1, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker